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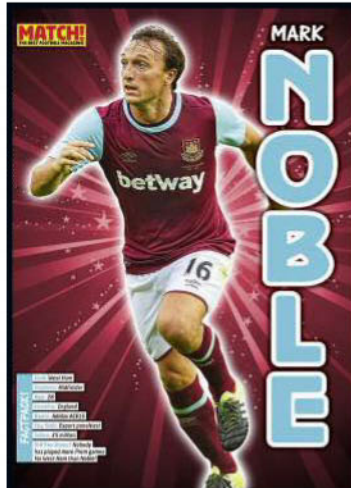


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# TITLE

## HUNTERS!

**MAN. UNITED** are desperate to win their first Prem title since 2012-13, but can they do it this season? **MATCH** investigates!

### WHY THEY CAN WIN IT!

#### NEW STARS!

United have spent mountains of cash on some big stars this summer! **Memphis Depay**, **Bastian Schweinsteiger** and **Morgan Schneiderlin** could make a big difference!

#### VAN GAAL'S EXPERIENCE!

Gaffer **LVG** was new to the Prem last season, but now he has a year under his belt and **knows what to expect** from the world's best league!

#### FINDING FORM!

The Red Devils weren't always at their best last season, but still managed to bag 4th place! **Imagine where they could finish** if they hit top form more often in 2015-16!







## WHY THEY CAN'T!

### STRIKER SHORTAGE!

Goal machines Falcao and Van Persie have left and United haven't signed replacements! Who will lead the attack if Wayne Rooney gets injured?

### DE GONER?

Real Madrid have been heavily linked with keeper David de Gea all summer! Will the transfer gossip unsettle United's star man?

### NO NEW CENTRE-BACK!

MATCH thought a world-class centre-back would have been at the top of Louis van Gaal's shopping list this summer, but he still hasn't signed one! That could be a mistake!



**YOUR SHOUT!**

Can United challenge for the Prem title this season? Tell us on the MATCH Facebook page!



**MASSIVE INTERVIEW!**

# BENTE

## LIVERPOOL'S NEW GOAL MACHINE!

### JOINING THE REDS!

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "I'm very happy and I'd like to thank the owners, Ian Ayre and the manager for their massive effort to bring me here. It's hard to show your emotion when you've done something good like this, but I'm happy!"



### WHY LIVERPOOL?

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "I had a good chat with the manager and I wanted to be part of his project. Liverpool have won league titles, the Champions League five times and a lot of trophies. I know it's a big club!"

**6 MATCH!**

**"I came here to  
win trophies!"**





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## TARGETS!

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "I want to develop and be the best I can be. I came here to win trophies! Winning trophies and doing something in my career is what motivates me, so I can explain to my son and kids what I achieved!"

## ANFIELD ATMOSPHERE!

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "When I came here with Aston Villa, it was a great feeling to play at Anfield. Now, to be in the home shirt is going to be an exciting feeling!"



## STRONG SQUAD!

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "There are quality players, a lot of good players with big names. I'm excited to meet my team-mates and work with them. I'm happy to be part of this team and help Liverpool reach its goals!"

## MESSAGE TO THE FANS!

**CHRISTIAN SAYS:** "I'm very happy to be part of the Liverpool family now, and I will do everything to make them happy and work hard for them and my team-mates!"

## BENTEKE'S TOP 5 SKILLS!

Here's why we think Benteke will rip it up for The Reds!



### MONSTER POWER

Benteke's a total beast - he bosses defenders with his massive strength!

### EPIC HEADERS

If Liverpool's wingers can whip deadly crosses in, CB will nod them home!



### RED-HOT FINISHING

You can't let the Belgium superstar get a sight of goal - his shooting is absolutely lethal!



### PACY RUNS

Benteke mixes speed with raw power for an unstoppable combo!



### QUICK FEET

The way he shifts his feet to create space for a shot is great to watch - and hard to stop!





# EVERYONE WANTS... STONES!



Gossips reckon loads of clubs are chasing ace **EVERTON** wonderkid **JOHN STONES**! **MATCH** takes a closer look at the story!

## WHO WANTS HIM?

**Chelsea** were linked with a big £20 million bid for the highly-rated centre-back first, then stories popped up that **Man. City** and **Man. United** were interested too! Everton don't want to sell their young gun, though!



## WHY DO THEY WANT HIM?

Stones is a calm defender who reads the game like an expert and makes well-timed tackles - he looks **ultra comfortable at Prem level**! He's also played four times for England and could be a **national team regular** for years. Best of all, the CB hasn't hit his peak yet - **he'll get even better!**

## WILLIAMS' CRAZY PRICE TAG!

Transfer gossips say Swansea will only sell captain **Ashley Williams** if a club pays £25 million for him!



## BACKFLIP BALOTELLI!

**Mario Balotelli** has revealed his new goal celebration on Instagram - a cartwheel and backflip! Will we ever get to see it, though?





**DID YOU KNOW!**  
 Everton paid just £3 million  
 to sign the defender  
 from Barnsley in 2013!

## WILL HE STICK WITH TOFFEES?

- ✓ He'll play every week with Everton - a move to another club could mean a tougher battle for regular first-team football!
- ✗ The Toffees can't offer him Champions League footy yet!
- ✓ He'd probably cost around £35 million - maybe the mega price tag will put buying clubs off?
- ✗ Playing at Champions League level could help him become an England regular, and Euro 2016 is coming up next summer!
- ✓ He signed a new five-year contract last season!

## footy on the box!

Get a load of the best games on TV this week!

**BARCELONA v SEVILLA**  
 UEFA Super Cup  
 Tuesday, 7.45pm, BT Sport Europe

**DONCASTER v LEEDS**  
 Capital One Cup  
 Thursday, 7.45pm, Sky Sports 1

**ASTON VILLA v MAN. UNITED**  
 Premier League  
 Friday, 7.45pm, Sky Sports 1

**SOUTHAMPTON v EVERTON**  
 Premier League  
 Saturday, 12.45pm, BT Sport 1



**QPR v CARDIFF**  
 Championship  
 Saturday, 5.15pm, Sky Sports 5

**CRYSTAL PALACE v ARSENAL**  
 Premier League  
 Sunday, 1.30pm, Sky Sports 1

**MAN. CITY v CHELSEA**  
 Premier League  
 Sunday, 4pm, Sky Sports 1

**LIVERPOOL v BOURNEMOUTH**  
 Premier League  
 Monday, 8pm, Sky Sports 1

## YOUR SHOUT!

Should Stones stay or go?  
 Tell us now on the MATCH  
 Facebook page!

**MATCH Tube**

WATCH THIS AT:  
[www.facebook.com/matchmagazine](http://www.facebook.com/matchmagazine)

Koscielny challenges Ronaldo to beat his rabona finish!



## SPORT SWITCH!

Chelsea's **Asmir Begovic** has tweeted a pic of himself as a cover star on Rory McIlroy's golf game! It was sent to him by game maker EA Sports!





**NEW SIGNING!**

# STOKE'S NEW STAR!

**MATCH** takes a look  
at Potters new boy  
**IBRAHIM AFELLAY!**

## DEMON DRIBBLER

Afellay's incredible technique and **sick ball control** mean he can beat players in his sleep! He also busts out **jaw-dropping skills** to make his marker look silly and wow the crowd!



## TWO-FOOTED

Afellay will challenge Santi Cazorla as the best two-footed player in the Prem! His left foot's almost as good as his right, so he can go either way to beat his man!

## FAST FACTS!

Afellay is the fourth ex-Barcelona player in Stoke's squad - Bojan, Marc Muniesa and Moha have played for the Spanish giants, too!

He's also played in Holland for PSV, Germany for Schalke and Greece for Olympiakos, plus he's made 37 Champo League appearances!

He could have played for Morocco at international level, but chose Holland instead and has won 50 international caps for The Oranje!

He's a winner - he's bagged the league title and cup in Spain, Holland and Greece, and won the 2011 Champions League with Barça!

## LONG SHOTS

The Holland winger prefers to play on the left, but watch out for him **cutting inside** and **hitting rocket shots** at goal - just like Bayern Munich legend Arjen Robben does!

**Name:** Ibrahim Afellay

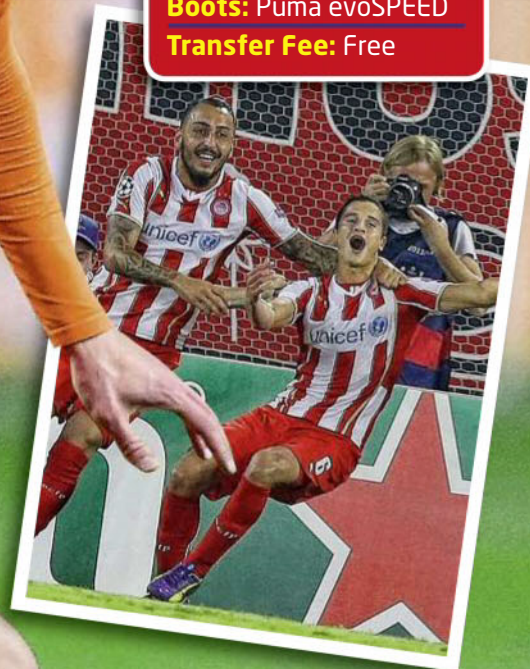
**Age:** 29

**Country:** Holland

**Position:** Winger

**Boots:** Puma evoSPEED

**Transfer Fee:** Free



## COUNTER ATTACK KING

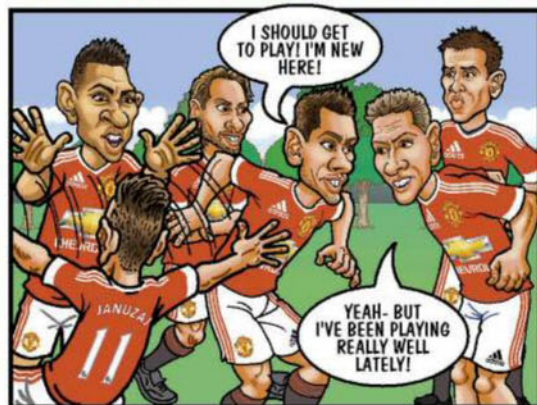
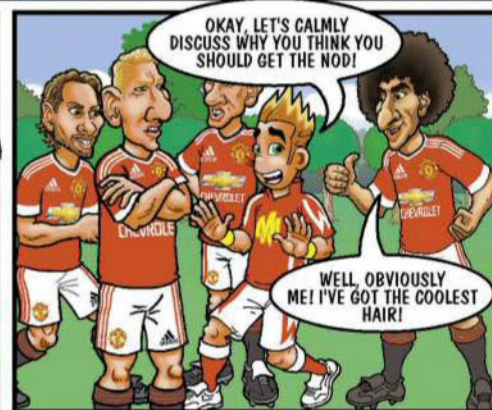
Ibrahim's a top counter-attacking star, because he's **rapid** and has the **vision** to find a team-mate with a **quick pass**! Opponents are in danger even when they're attacking!





# THE AWESOME ADVENTURES OF

# MATCHMAN



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# FIFA 15 ZONE

## TIPS, SKILLS & MORE!



## FIFA 16

### NEW FEATURES!

Check out the new info on Career Mode and FUT!

### 1 PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENTS!

In Career Mode, you'll be able to play in friendly tournaments and compete for trophies and cash!

### 2 PLAYER TRAINING!

You get to control which of your players develop in Career Mode by training up to five of them every week!

### 3 ULTIMATE TEAM DRAFT!

In this brand-new FUT 16 mode, you get to pick the best players from a random selection and play up to four games in a series to win big prizes!

### LOADS MORE!

Check out next week's MATCH for tons more facts and pics on these ace new features!





## FUT BEAST

**LENO**

**GK ★ BAYER LEVERKUSEN**

If you're building a Bundesliga team, save machine Leno is a cheap alternative to Neuer!



## QUICK TIP

It's a good idea to **stick with a single formation** instead of changing for different games. That way, you'll get used to it and be able to quickly work out where your players are without having to check the radar as often!



Got a **FIFA 15** or **FUT 15** question for **MATCH**? Post it on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/matchmagazine](http://www.facebook.com/matchmagazine) and you could see your name and the answer in a future issue!



## TRICK OF THE WEEK

The two-star **Ball Roll** trick is a simple move that can really help you beat a marker or dodge a tackle! To do it, just hold the right stick in the direction you want to roll the ball without holding down sprint!

## CAREER MODE BARGAIN SKILLERS!

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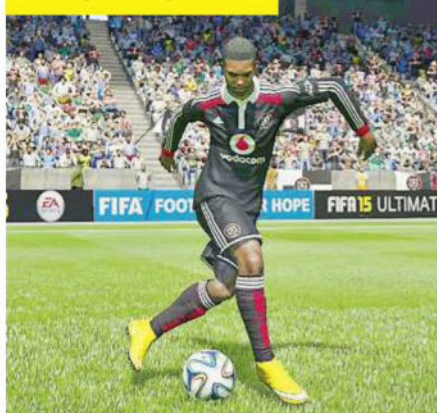
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**ELTON CAM ★ AL FATEH**



**SKILLS 5★ COST £1.9 MILLION**

**MASUKU LM ★ ORLANDO PIRATES**



**SKILLS 5★ COST £900K**

## NEXT WEEK

**FIFA 16 LATEST!**



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# BOOT ROOM

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## Mercurial

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## Hypervenom

- Love ripping net? Then these boots are for you!
- All Conditions Control technology helps you grip the ball in any weather!

**Price: £229.99**







# Nike Lightning Storm Pack

Nike have unleashed an eye-watering new colourway for the 2015-16 season - and we love it! Footy megastars Wayne Rooney, Eden Hazard and Raheem Sterling will all rip up the Prem in these bad boys!

► [lovellsoccer.co.uk](http://lovellsoccer.co.uk)



## Tiempo

- These are designed to improve your first touch!
- The ultra-soft k-leather moulds to the shape of your foot for epic comfort!

**Price: £139.99**



## Magista

- The Dynamic Fit collar locks your foot into place!
- The all-over 3D texture on the boot is designed to boost your ball control!

**Price: £229.99**





## BUNDESLIGA KIT SPECIAL!



### Eintracht Frankfurt

Lethal finisher Alexander Meier will rip tons of nets in these epic kits! The white one is proper smart!

Shirt prices: **£54.99**  
► [sportsdirect.com](http://sportsdirect.com)



### Hertha Berlin

We loved Hertha's kits last season, and Nike have made two more blinders! The striped home shirt rocks!

Shirt prices: **£65**  
► [store.nike.com](http://store.nike.com)



### Bayern Munich

The German champs have ditched their home stripes for red all over. We love it!

Player shirts: **£60**  
Keeper shirt: **£65**  
► [adidas.co.uk](http://adidas.co.uk)



### Werder Bremen

If the Hulk wore a footy shirt, he'd defo pick Werder's home!

Home shirt: **TBC**  
Away shirt: **£65**  
► [store.nike.com](http://store.nike.com)



## New Season Gear!

Kick-off the season with this ace footy gear! We love the Iron Man T-shirt!

► [lovellsoccer.co.uk](http://lovellsoccer.co.uk)



#### Adidas Gloves

Nothing gets past these Predator Zones!

Price: **£64.99**



#### Nike Shin Guards

The colourway on these Mercurial Lite shinnies rocks!

Price: **£12.99**



#### Compression Tights

SKINS calf tights help reduce the risk of injury!

Price: **£32.99**





DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund

Puma always make awesome shirts for Dortmund, and these are no different!

**Home & Third: £60**  
**Away shirt: £50**  
[► uk.puma.com](http://uk.puma.com)



**Iron Man T-Shirt**  
HeatGear technology helps keep you cool!

**Price: £44.99**



**Nike Training Ball**  
You'll bust nets for fun with this bad boy!

**Price: £19.99**



**Team Backpack**  
You can fit tons of stuff in this New Balance bag!

**Price: £19.99**

# OFF THE PITCH!

Check out these awesome DVDs!

► [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk)



## Thunderbirds Are Go

International Rescue has returned in this epic remake!

**Price: £10**



## The SpongeBob Movie

Follow the famous Sponge's all-action adventure!

**Price: £9.99**



## Robot Overlords

Earth has been taken over by robots in this bonkers film!

**Price: £7.99**



## Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2

Pre-order this class movie from August 17!

**Price: £9.99**





# SNAPPED!

Check out the craziest footy pics **MATCH** has seen lately!



**Wet floor alert!**

PENALTY, REF!



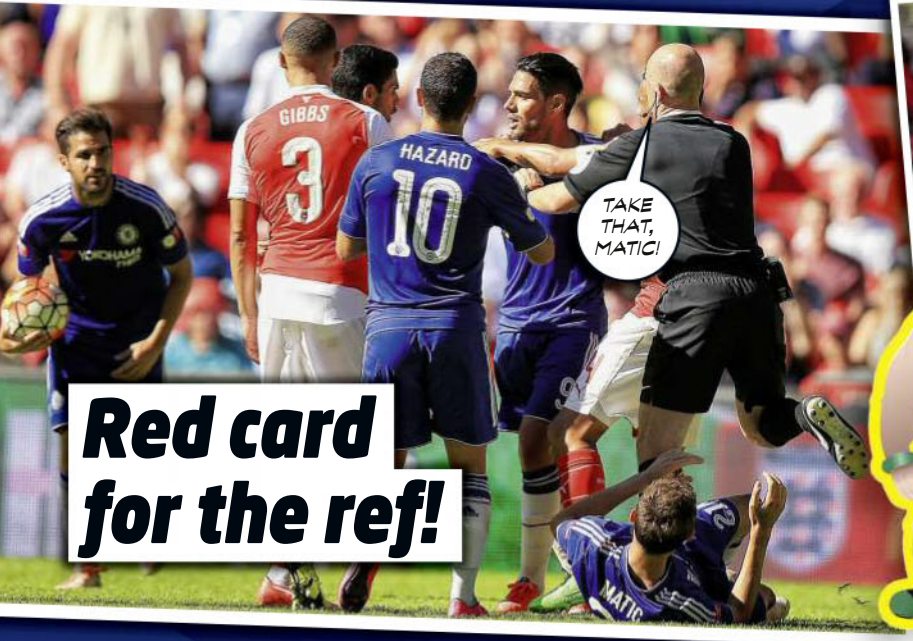
**Keeper crunch!**

Someone call this stopper a taxi!

I'VE HAD BETTER DAYS!

**High-five, MATCH?**

DON'T LEAVE ME HANGING!



**Red card for the ref!**

TAKE THAT, MATIC!

**Dodgy RKO!**

WWE TOTALLY SUCKS!







**Toffees time machine!**

THIS IS WEIRD, MATCH!



MUCH BETTER!

**Gaffer guff!**

**Worst Hide-And-Seek ever!**

We've definitely found you, Collins!

YOU CAN'T SEE ME!



DON'T MESS WITH ME!



**Bad timing!**

Someone fetch this guy an umbrella, quick!

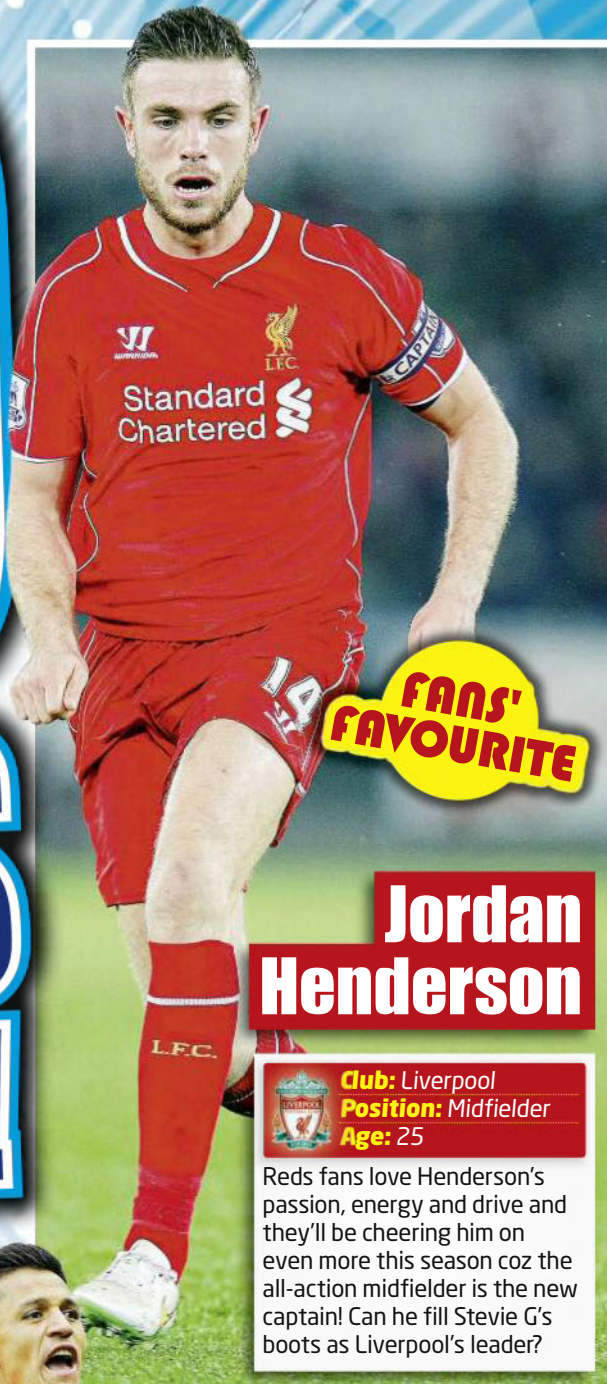
I'VE ALREADY HAD A SHOWER!





# 50 STARS TO WATCH!

It's gonna be a big season for these Premier League heroes!



**FANS' FAVOURITE**

**Jordan Henderson**

**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 25

Reds fans love Henderson's passion, energy and drive and they'll be cheering him on even more this season coz the all-action midfielder is the new captain! Can he fill Stevie G's boots as Liverpool's leader?



**Radamel Falcao**

**POINT TO PROVE**

**Club:** Chelsea  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 29

The legendary striker only scored four Prem goals for United in 2014-15, and some fans started to say he'd lost his finishing skills! He'll be out to prove them wrong by busting nets for The Blues this season!



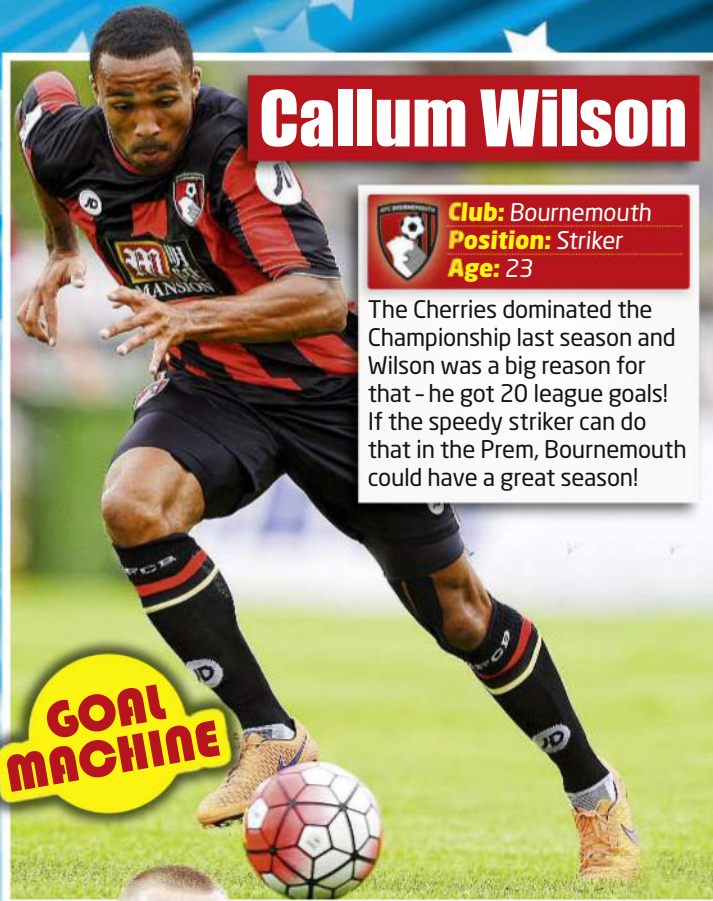
**Alexis Sanchez**

**MATCH WINNER**

**Club:** Arsenal  
**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 26

The Gunners' star man totally ripped up the Prem in his first season! The rapid forward bagged 16 league goals and we reckon he could get even more this time! Sanchez is the ultimate big-game player!





## Callum Wilson



**Club:** Bournemouth  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 23

The Cherries dominated the Championship last season and Wilson was a big reason for that - he got 20 league goals! If the speedy striker can do that in the Prem, Bournemouth could have a great season!

**GOAL MACHINE**



## Jordy Clasie



**Club:** Southampton  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 24

Saints fans were gutted when Morgan Schneiderlin left to join Man. United, but they were celebrating when their club bagged Clasie! He's a top-class passer with tons of energy, so we're sure he'll be a Prem hit!

**STAR SIGNING**

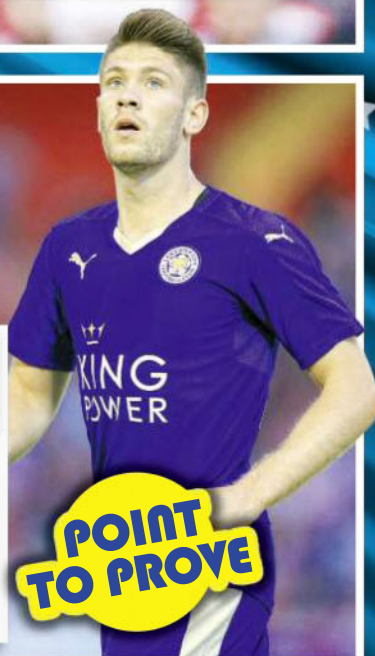
## Andrej Kramaric



**Club:** Leicester  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 24

The Foxes paid £9.5 million to sign striker Kramaric in January, but he only scored twice in 13 appearances! Now he's got the chance to show everyone why Leicester spent the big bucks, and we reckon he'll take it!

**POINT TO PROVE**



## Christian Eriksen



**Club:** Tottenham  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 23

Eriksen bagged some big goals for his club last season - he scored ten, and five of them were winners! The awesome midfielder can decide a game with a moment of epicness, so don't take your eyes off him!

**MATCH WINNER**

## Yohan Cabaye



**Club:** Crystal Palace  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 29

The Eagles smashed their transfer record to sign creative midfielder Cabaye from PSG! If the France ace bosses games for Palace like MATCH knows he can, that £12.8 million will look like a total bargain!

**STAR SIGNING**



**WONDERKID**

## Jack Grealish



**Club:** Aston Villa  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 19

We got to see flashes of what Grealish can do when he broke into Villa's team towards the end of 2014-15, and we think he'll totally rock this season! He's got the dribbling skills and vision to make magic happen!





# Sergio Aguero



**Club:** Man. City  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 27

Aguero easily won the Prem Golden Boot last season after busting 26 nets in 30 starts, and we reckon the City striker will be right up there again! Defenders can't handle his pace, dribbling and finishing!

GOAL MACHINE

# Jordon Ibe

WONDERKID



**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 19

The Reds sold Raheem Sterling to Man. City this summer, but they won't miss him much if Jordon Ibe hits form! The ace winger is quick, confident, powerful and an awesome dribbler - this could be his year!

# Cesc Fabregas



**Club:** Chelsea  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 28

No-one set up more goals in 2014-15 than Fabregas - he made 18 in total and it won The Blues loads of extra points! His vision and passing are world-class, so get ready to see more epic through balls!

MATCH WINNER

# Romelu Lukaku



**Club:** Everton  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 22

Powerhouse Lukaku joined The Toffees for a club record £28 million in 2014, but he only scored ten Prem goals! He'll be pumped to prove why Everton spent big, so keep an eye on him this season!

POINT TO PROVE

STAR SIGNING

# Dimitri Payet



**Club:** West Ham  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 28

You might not know loads about Payet just yet, but you will after this season because MATCH reckons he's gonna rock! The creative star got 17 assists and bagged seven goals in Ligue 1 last season!



## Yannick Bolasie



**FANS' FAVOURITE**



**Club:** Crystal Palace  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 26

It's not just Eagles supporters who love Bolasie - every fan on the planet likes watching him because of the crazy tricks he invents! You never know what the skiller will do next when he has the ball at his feet!

## Aleksandar Mitrovic



**Club:** Newcastle  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 20

The Magpies didn't rip enough Prem nets last season, but new boss Steve McClaren has done something about that - he's bought Mitrovic! The powerful finisher got 20 league strikes for Anderlecht in 2014-15!



**GOAL MACHINE**

## Jeremain Lens



**Club:** Sunderland  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 27

Sunderland injected some serious pace into their team when they signed winger Lens from Dynamo Kiev - he's mega rapid! Look out for him ripping past defenders with bursts of acceleration and slick dribbling!

**STAR SIGNING**

**WONDERKID**

## Memphis Depay



**Club:** Man. United  
**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 21

MATCH can't wait to check out Memphis in the Prem! Fans call him the 'The New Ronaldo' because of his epic dribbling skills, pace and ace free-kicks! Will he become the next CR7? Watch him in action to find out!

## Jordan Ayew



**Club:** Aston Villa  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 23

Ayew is quick, strong, a good dribbler and can finish, so it's easy to see why Villa signed him after selling Christian Benteke to Liverpool! The Ghana star scored 12 league goals for Lorient last season!



**STAR SIGNING**



## Philippe Coutinho

**MATCH  
WINNER**



**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 23

Reds genius Coutinho had the best season of his career in 2014-15, and he's gonna keep getting better! The Brazil star has the skills and vision to unlock any defence, and the shooting skills to bust nets!

## Yaya Toure



**Club:** Man. City  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 32

Yaya scored 20 Prem goals in 2013-14 and we thought he'd be just as good last season, but he only hit half that amount and got stick for his form! Now he'll want to show everyone he can still totally boss it!

**POINT  
TO PROVE**

## Gylfi Sigurdsson



**Club:** Swansea  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 25

Classy midfielder Sigurdsson scored seven Prem goals last season and set up ten for his team-mates! He always gives 100% and can win games with a flash of awesomeness, so it's easy to see why fans love him!

**FANS'  
FAVOURITE**

## Bastian Schweinsteiger

**STAR  
SIGNING**



**Club:** Man. United  
**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 31

The Red Devils took their squad up a level when they signed World Cup winner Schweinsteiger from Bayern! He'll control the midfield, and we wouldn't be surprised if he's their player of the season!

## Harry Kane



**Club:** Tottenham  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 22

After scoring 21 Prem goals in his breakout season, all eyes will be on Kane to see if he can do it again! The England star is smart, powerful and a lethal finisher, so he's got everything to go for the Golden Boot!

**GOAL  
MACHINE**



# Ross Barkley



**Club:** Everton  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 21

We've got a feeling this is gonna be Barkley's year! On his day, the Everton star can be too hot to handle and - with Euro 2016 around the corner - he'll be desperate to prove he can boss games every week!



**WONDERKID**



# Matt Ritchie



**Club:** Bournemouth  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 25

Wingers usually make goals, and Ritchie did that in 2014-15 - he set up 17! He proved he can bust nets too by scoring 15 in the Championship, and we can't wait to see him doing the same thing in the Prem!

**FANS' FAVOURITE**

# Cameron Jerome



**Club:** Norwich  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 28

Jerome scored 20 goals in the Championship last season, but can he do it in 2015-16? He's never scored more than ten Prem goals for his other clubs, so he'll be pumped and ready to prove he's got what it takes!



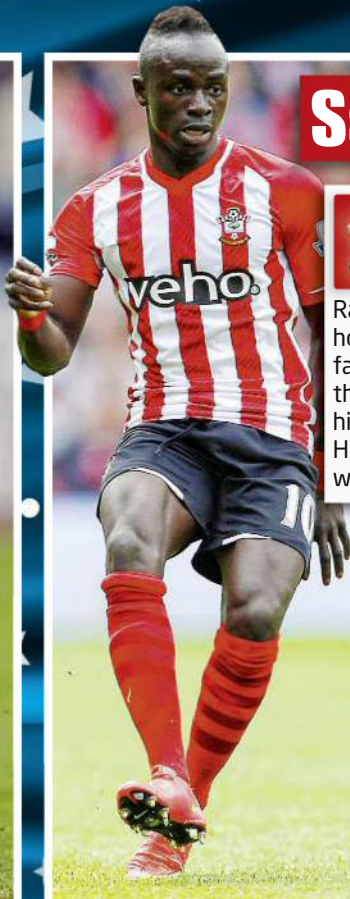
**POINT TO PROVE**

# Sadio Mane

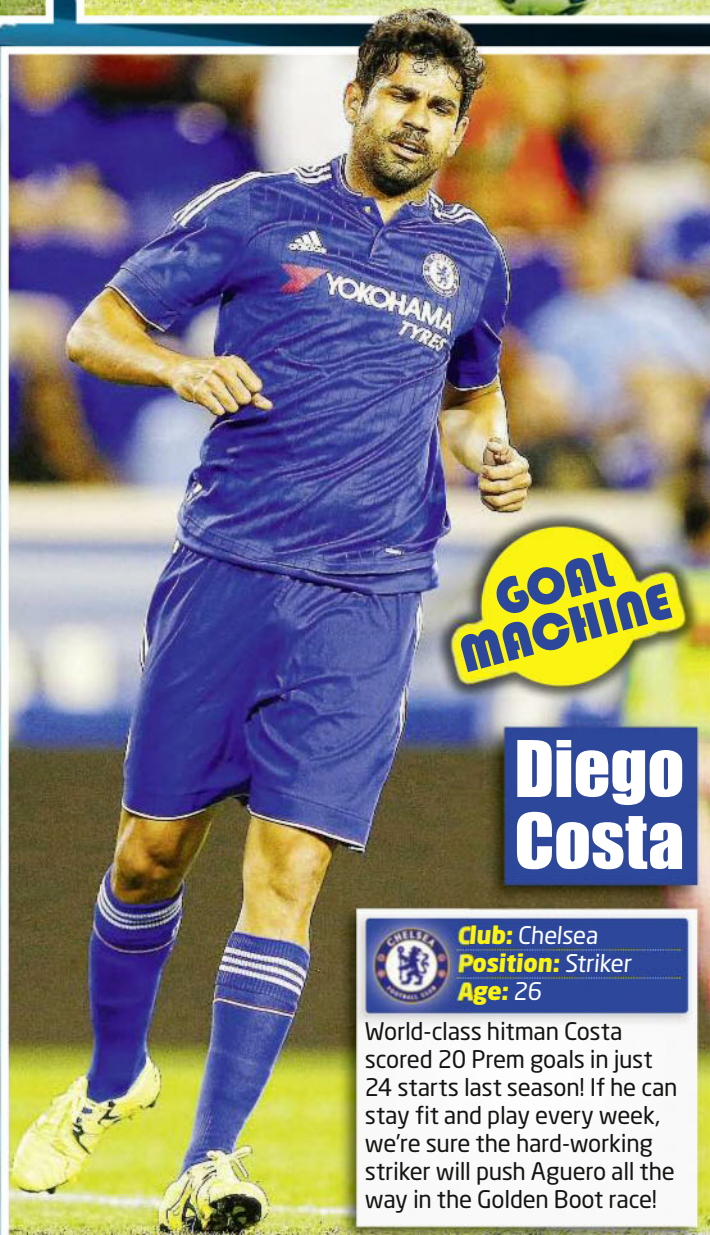


**Club:** Southampton  
**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 23

Rapid Saints forward Mane holds the record for the Prem's fastest-ever hat-trick, and we think you'll see a lot more of him celebrating this season! His pace is scary and he can win games with his finishing!



**MATCH WINNER**



# Diego Costa



**Club:** Chelsea  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 26

World-class hitman Costa scored 20 Prem goals in just 24 starts last season! If he can stay fit and play every week, we're sure the hard-working striker will push Aguero all the way in the Golden Boot race!

**GOAL MACHINE**



# David Silva



**Club:** Man. City  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 29

City's creative king David Silva had his best ever season in the Prem last year - he bagged 12 goals and picked up seven assists! He's a big-game player who can pick his way through even the toughest defences!

**MATCH WINNER**



# Patrick Bamford



**Club:** Crystal Palace  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 21

Bamford hit 17 goals in the Championship last season and looked ready for regular Prem footy, which is what he should get with Palace! They loaned the ace finisher from Chelsea, and we're expecting goals!

**WONDERKID**



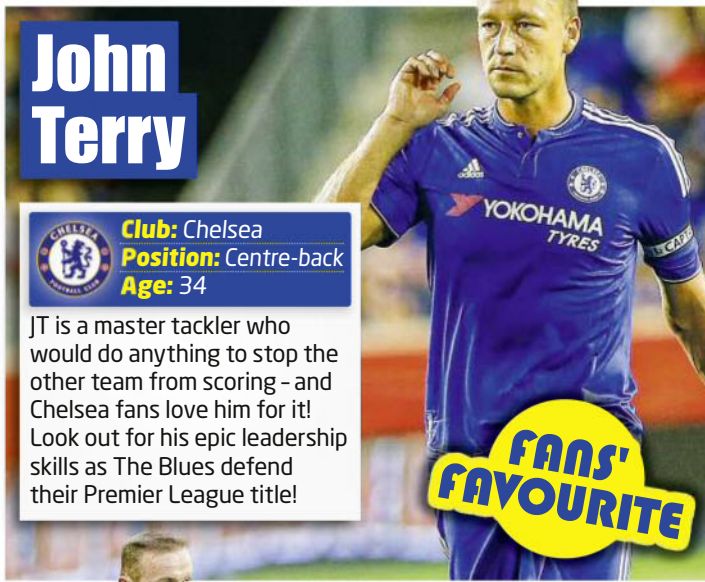
# John Terry



**Club:** Chelsea  
**Position:** Centre-back  
**Age:** 34

JT is a master tackler who would do anything to stop the other team from scoring - and Chelsea fans love him for it! Look out for his epic leadership skills as The Blues defend their Premier League title!

**FANS' FAVOURITE**



# Roberto Firmino



**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 23

Brazil ace Firmino was linked with loads of top clubs, but Liverpool wanted him the most and paid £29 million to make it happen! He's an expert at unlocking defences and he knows how to hit the net!

**STAR SIGNING**



# Wayne Rooney



**Club:** Man. United  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 29

We've heard Wazza could play as an out-and-out goal grabber this season, which is bad news for keepers! Back in 2011-12 he got 27 Prem goals and, if he does play up front every week, we can see him doing it again!

**MATCH WINNER**





**STAR  
SIGNING**



## Georginio Wijnaldum



**Club:** Newcastle  
**Position:** Att. mid.  
**Age:** 24

The Magpies paid big money to bag Wijnaldum from PSV, and we reckon it was cash well spent! The Holland star is lightning-fast, an excellent dribbler and a top finisher, so he should be a big Prem hit!

## Saido Berahino



**Club:** West Brom  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 22

Berahino was on fire last season - he scored 14 goals in 32 starts and some of them were worldies! Loads of clubs were linked with him this summer, but he stayed and is out to bust nets again!

**GOAL  
MACHINE**



## Rudy Gestede



**Club:** Aston Villa  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 26

Gestede has huge boots to fill at Villa Park following Benteke's big-money move to Liverpool, but we reckon he's up to the challenge! He hit 20 goals in the Championship last season and is unstoppable in the air!

**POINT  
TO PROVE**



**MATCH  
WINNER**

## Bojan



**Club:** Stoke  
**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 24

Stoke star Bojan looked ace until he got a serious injury last season that kept him out for ages, but now he's back and ready to pick up where he left off! He's got the brain, skills and finishing ability to boss it!



## Theo Walcott



**Club:** Arsenal  
**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 26

Theo spent most of last season recovering from injury, but he got picked as a striker for the last two games and bagged four goals! If he plays up front regularly this season, he could bust Prem nets every week!

**GOAL  
MACHINE**





## Eden Hazard



**Club:** Chelsea  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 24

Hazard picked up the Prem Player Of The Year award last season and we wouldn't be shocked if he won it again, coz he's only gonna get better! Look out for him burning past defenders every week!

**MATCH WINNER**



## Daniel Sturridge



**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 25

Sturridge's season was wrecked by injuries last season, and Liverpool struggled without his goals. With the Euros coming up he'll want to show he can stay fit, play every week and get back to busting nets!

**POINT TO PROVE**



## Troy Deeney



**Club:** Watford  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 27

The Hornets have bought tons of new players, but their best move was getting Deeney to sign a new contract! He's hit 65 league goals in three seasons, so he'll be full of confidence and looking to rip up the Prem!

**GOAL MACHINE**



## Luke Shaw



**Club:** Man. United  
**Position:** Left-back  
**Age:** 20

Rapid left-back Shaw struggled after his £31 million move to Man. United in 2014, but he's settled in now and even gaffer Louis van Gaal thinks he's in for a big season! Look out for him burning down the wing!

**POINT TO PROVE**



## Shinji Okazaki



**Club:** Leicester  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 29

The MATCH Bundesliga expert says Okazaki is gonna be a big hit! He's a hard-working striker who's good with the ball, but finishing is his top skill! If The Foxes can create the chances, Okazaki will put them away!

**STAR SIGNING**



## John Stones



**Club:** Everton  
**Position:** Centre-back  
**Age:** 21

England ace Stones is so highly rated, loads of top Prem clubs were linked with giant bids for him this summer! He's still a Toffee right now, and the fans will hope it stays that way - he's a top-class centre-back!

**WONDERKID**





## David de Gea



**Club:** Man. United  
**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Age:** 24

United supporters are hoping Real Madrid will get bored of trying to sign de Gea, because he's one of their key players! The class keeper became a hero with fans after his saves won loads of points last season!

**FANS' FAVOURITE**



**POINT TO PROVE**

## Brown Ideye



**Club:** West Brom  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 26

The Baggies paid a club record £10 million to sign Ideye a year ago and the fans expected big things, but he only scored four Prem goals! He's got to do a lot better than that this season, so he should be ace to watch!



## Raheem Sterling



**Club:** Man. City  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 20

All eyes will be on City star Sterling this season! After paying almost £50 million to sign the rapid winger, City will be looking for him to help them get the title back and take them to the next level!

**STAR SIGNING**



## Christian Benteke



**Club:** Liverpool  
**Position:** Striker  
**Age:** 24

The Reds spent a giant chunk of the Sterling cash on Villa striker Benteke, and we reckon he's a really smart signing! He knows how to score regularly in the Prem and his partnership with Sturridge is gonna rock!

**GOAL MACHINE**



## Ibrahim Afellay



**Club:** Stoke  
**Position:** Winger  
**Age:** 29

The Potters bagged skilful wing king Afellay for free after his Barcelona contract ran out, which is a crazy bargain coz he's worth millions! Get ready to see him gliding past players and setting up tons of chances!

**STAR SIGNING**





LEIGHTON

# BAINES

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THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



**Club:** Everton

**Position:** Left-back

**Age:** 30

**Country:** England

**Boots:** Adidas ACE15

**Top Skill:** Epic free-kicks!

**Value:** £15 million

**Did You Know?** He has more Prem assists than any other defender ever!

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**FACTPACK!**

**Club:** West Ham

**Position:** Midfielder

**Age:** 28

**Country:** England

**Boots:** Adidas ACE15

**Top Skill:** Expert penalties!

**Value:** £5 million

**Did You Know?** Nobody has played more Prem games for West Ham than Noble!





**MATCH!**  
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**MATCH!**  
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



**Club:** Bournemouth

**Position:** Forward

**Age:** 23

**Country:** Norway

**Boots:** Nike Hypervenom

**Top Skill:** Lightning pace!

**Value:** £4 million

**Did You Know?** He joined Man. United's youth team in 2008 and left the club in 2013!

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GRAHAM

# DOORRANS



## FACTPACK!

**Club:** Norwich

**Position:** Att. midfielder

**Age:** 28

**Country:** Scotland

**Boots:** Nike Tiempo

**Top Skill:** Creating chances!

**Value:** £3 million

**Did You Know?** He was Man Of The Match on his home debut for Scotland in 2010!



ANDRE

# AYEWE

**MATCH!**  
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!



## FACTPACK!

**Club:** Swansea

**Position:** Winger

**Age:** 25

**Country:** Ghana

**Boots:** Nike Tiempo

**Top Skill:** Rapid speed!

**Value:** £10 million

**Did You Know?** His younger brother Jordan recently joined Aston Villa!

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# SAMIR NASRI



## FACTPACK!

**Club:** Man. City

**Position:** Att. midfielder

**Age:** 28

**Country:** France

**Boots:** New Balance Visaro

**Top Skill:** Epic technique!

**Value:** £20 million

**Did You Know?** Nasri was French Player Of The Year in 2010!



THIBAUT

# COULTASS



**MATCH!**  
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

**Club:** Chelsea

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Age:** 23

**Country:** Belgium

**Boots:** Nike Magista

**Top Skill:** Shot-stopping!

**Value:** £40 million

**Did You Know?** He spent three seasons on loan with Atletico Madrid!

**FACTPACK!**

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**JOHNSON**



**FACTPACK!**

**Club:** Stoke

**Position:** Right-back

**Age:** 30

**Country:** England

**Boots:** Nike Magista

**Top Skill:** Pacy runs!

**Value:** £5 million

**Did You Know?** He played at World Cups 2014 and 2010, and at Euro 2012!



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**MATCH!**  
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

**ANYA**



**Club:** Watford

**Position:** Winger

**Age:** 27

**Country:** Scotland

**Boots:** Nike Mercurial

**Top Skill:** Jaw-dropping pace!

**Value:** £6 million

**Did You Know?** His past clubs include Celta Vigo, Northampton and Wycombe!

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# THIS WEEK'S TOP 5

# TRANSFER RUMOURS!

Check out the hot gossip that's getting **MATCH** excited this week!

# 1

## KEVIN DE BRUYNE

**Wolfsburg to Man. City**  
**£40 million**

This story's been rumbling on all summer! Bundesliga runners-up Wolfsburg have said De Bruyne's going nowhere, but they might be tempted by a massive bid from City! The attacking midfielder has a point to prove in the Prem after being sold by Chelsea in 2014, so he could be tempted by a move to Manchester!

# 2

## YANNICK BOLASIE

**Crystal Palace to Tottenham**  
**£25 million**

Bolasie is one of the most skilful players in the Prem, and his tricks and flicks have made him a transfer target! Tottenham are said to be interested, but gossips reckon he'd cost around £25 million, which could put Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino off!





# 3

## ASIER ILLARRAMENDI

**Real Madrid  
to Liverpool  
£14 million**

Liverpool could do with a deep-lying playmaker now Steven Gerrard's gone to the MLS - and Illaramendi has been linked! The 25-year-old, who's nicknamed 'The New Xabi Alonso', joined Real for £34 million two years ago, but he hasn't played much first-team footy since!



# 4

## ALEXANDRE PATO

**Corinthians  
to Sunderland  
£5 million**

Pato was one of the hottest strikers in the world when he was at AC Milan, but it didn't work out and he joined Corinthians. He rocked on loan at Sao Paulo in 2014-15, and that's got transfer gossips talking! If The Black Cats can get him, he could be their best signing ever!



# 5

## SERGIO BUSQUETS

**Barcelona to Arsenal  
£30 million**

Francis Coquelin was awesome for The Gunners last season, but Arsene Wenger could do with another quality defensive midfielder to boost the squad! Busquets is a class act who's won everything for both Spain and Barcelona - and he could be ready for a new challenge!





# Transfer Up



## STEVEN CAULKER

**Loan from QPR**

**Southampton** have beefed up their defence big-time with the signing of England international Caulker from QPR! His heading, power and pace alongside skipper Jose Fonte's intelligence and tackling will own strikers!



## JORDAN VERETOUT

**£7 million from Nantes**

**Aston Villa** fans should be well chuffed with the signing of 22-year-old Veretout - he's a free-kick king, has bags of energy and is mega creative! He's that good, he scored or set up nearly half of Nantes' Ligue 1 goals last season!



## JAMES CHESTER

**£8 million from Hull**

Chester was linked with loads of Prem clubs this summer, but **West Brom** won the battle for his signature! The class Wales centre-back was one of The Tigers' star men last season - his tackling and heading rock!





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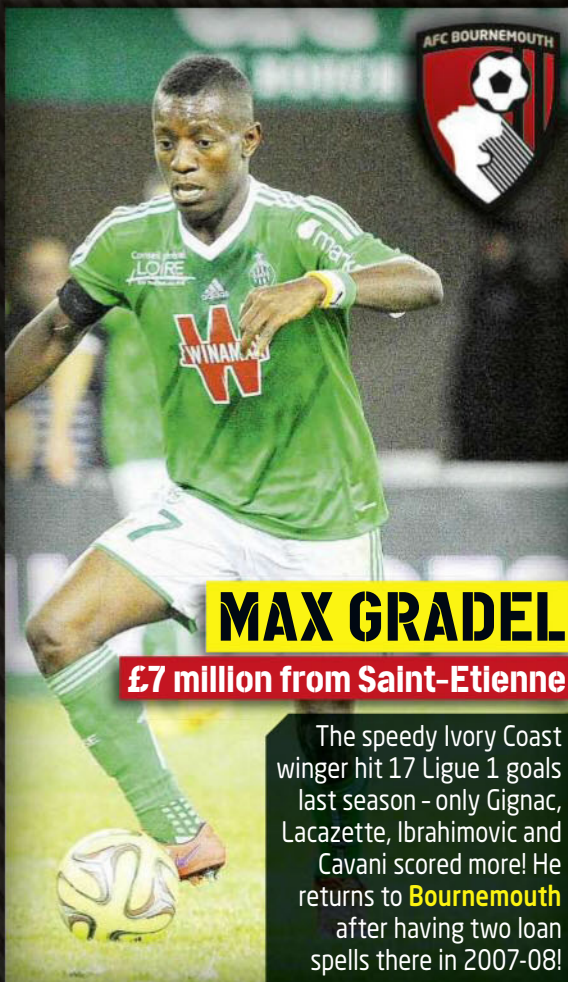
**MATCH** checks out the latest Premier League done deals!



## ROBBIE BRADY

**£7 million from Hull**

Prem new boys **Norwich** need top signings to stay up, and ace Ireland winger Brady is just that! He's an epic dribbler and a demon crosser - we can't wait to see him and Redmond owning Prem full-backs!



## MAX GRADEL

**£7 million from Saint-Etienne**

The speedy Ivory Coast winger hit 17 Ligue 1 goals last season - only Gignac, Lacazette, Ibrahimovic and Cavani scored more! He returns to **Bournemouth** after having two loan spells there in 2007-08!



## CONNOR WICKHAM

**£9 million from Sunderland**

**Crystal Palace** have massive competition for places up front now Wickham's battling Murray, Bamford and Gayle in attack! The 22-year-old has bags of potential and will hope to re-launch his career under boss Alan Pardew!

## MORE DEALS!

### CHANCEL MBEMBA

Anderlecht to Newcastle, £8.5m

### JORDAN AYEW

Lorient to Aston Villa, £8m

### RUDY GESTEDE

Blackburn to Aston Villa, £6m

### YOHAN BENALOUANE

Atalanta to Leicester, £5.6m

### N'GOLO KANTE

Caen to Leicester, £5.6m

### STEVEN BERGHUIS

AZ Alkmaar to Watford, £4.6m



### ALEX MCCARTHY

QPR to Crystal Palace, £3.5m

### RICKIE LAMBERT

Liverpool to West Brom, £3m

### DANILO PANTIC

Partizan Belgrade to Chelsea, £1.25m

### JOSE ANGEL CRESPO

Cordoba to Aston Villa, £500,000

### MIGUEL BRITOS

Napoli to Watford, Undisclosed

### JOSE MANUEL JURADO

S. Moscow to Watford, Undisclosed



### MOHA EL OURACHI

Barcelona to Stoke, Undisclosed

### JAKE KEAN

Blackburn to Norwich, Free

### SERGIO ROMERO

Sampdoria to Man. United, Free

### PATRICK BAMFORD

Chelsea to Crystal Palace, Loan

### MANUEL LANZINI

Al Jazira to West Ham, Loan

### ANDRE WISDOM

Liverpool to Norwich, Loan



# 5

# THINGS TO FOR THIS



**AVFC** **MANCHESTER UNITED**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTY!**

**Aston Villa v Man. United**  
Friday, 7.45pm

Make sure you cancel any plans you've got for Friday night, because this clash is going to rock! We can't wait to see Villa's new-look attack in action, while Red Devils new boys Schweinsteiger and Schneiderlin will own the midfield!



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**SAINTS' NEW STARS!**

**Southampton v Everton**  
Saturday, 12.45pm

Southampton have bought loads of new players this summer - and this is the first time their home fans will get to see all of them in action! Can Clasie, Caulker, Juanmi, Cedric and Martina gel to help The Saints defeat The Toffees?





# LOOK OUT WEEKEND!

## WEEKEND PREVIEW!



*MATCH checks out the big talking points ahead of this weekend's massive Premier League action!*



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### BILIC'S BOLEYN BOW!

**West Ham v Leicester**  
Saturday, 3pm

New gaffer Slaven Bilic wants The Hammers to play exciting footy this season, but it'll be tough to do it in his first Prem home game against Leicester. The Foxes have got a new boss and made some decent signings, so they'll be mega tough to beat!



### BOLASIE TO BLITZ GUNNERS?

**Crystal Palace v Arsenal**  
Sunday, 1.30pm

Palace have a terrible record against Arsenal - they've lost their last five games in a row and haven't beaten them since 1994 - but Yannick Bolasie could change that! The Eagles winger's tricks and dribbling will cause The Gunners' defence big problems!



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### CHERRIES' ANFIELD TEST!

**Liverpool v Bournemouth**  
Monday, 8pm

Bournemouth have lost twice to Liverpool in the cups recently, but they've never played against The Reds in a league game before! Can Eddie Howe's side bring their exciting, attacking style of play into the Prem and shock Anfield?

TURN OVER FOR BIG GAME PREVIEW...



**THIS WEEK'S BIG MATCH**

# MAN. CITY v CHELSEA



## EARLY TITLE SHOWDOWN

Clubs that top the mini-league between Chelsea, Man. City, Man. United and Arsenal usually go on to bag the Prem title, so whoever wins this mega clash will send a big message to their rivals!



## POINTS TO PROVE

Raheem Sterling is the most expensive English player ever, but will he settle into City's style of play straight away? And can Chelsea hitman Radamel Falcao prove last season was just a blip if he gets the chance to impress?



## AGUERO v HAZARD

Two of the best match winners in world footy go head-to-head this weekend! Sergio Aguero's one of the greatest goal grabbers in Prem history, and Eden Hazard makes defenders look silly with his jaw-dropping dribbling skills!

AGUERO	HAZARD
95	<b>FINISHING</b> 83
90	<b>DRIBBLING</b> 98
94	<b>PACE</b> 89
78	<b>TRICKS</b> 88
93	<b>BIG GAMES</b> 88
450	<b>TOTAL</b> 446



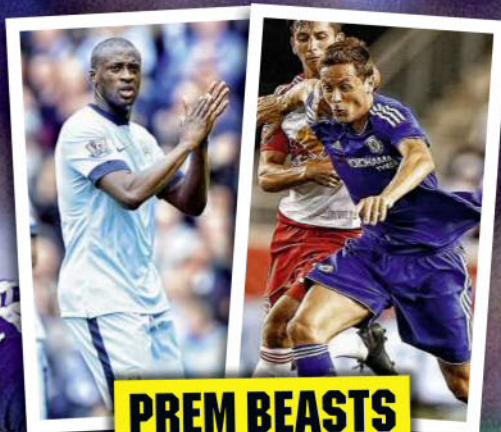


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## WEEKEND PREVIEW!



**MATCH** can't wait for Sunday's massive clash at the Etihad Stadium!



### PREM BEASTS

Yaya Toure and Nemanja Matic make the ground shake when they fly into tackles, Vincent Kompany's battle with Diego Costa is gonna be explosive to watch and seeing Wilfried Bony lock horns with John Terry will blow your socks off!

### HEAD-TO-HEAD

Man. City wins	44
Chelsea wins	57
Draws	39



### MOURINHO'S TACTICS

Jose Mourinho usually has something up his sleeve to beat every team he comes up against, but he wasn't able to get the better of City last season! Can he produce another tactical masterclass like the one that saw The Blues beat City 1-0 away two seasons ago?

## LIKELY LINE-UPS!



### STEVE SAYS...

**Man. City 1-1 Chelsea**

"Both fixtures between these two teams finished 1-1 last season - and I think it'll happen again. David Silva and Diego Costa will rip the net in a tight clash at The Etihad!"

### YOU SAY



**TURN OVER FOR PREDICT THE RESULT...**



# PREDICT THE...

# RESULT!

## WEEKEND PREVIEW!



Can you guess more correct Prem scores than MATCH?



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**ASTON VILLA**

**MAN. UNITED**

"United always beat Villa - they've won eight of the last nine clashes! Depay to bag!"

**STEVE SAYS** 0-2

**YOU SAY**

**SOUTHAMPTON**

**EVERTON**

"The Saints won this fixture 3-0 last season, but it'll be a lot closer this time around!"

**STEVE SAYS** 1-1

**YOU SAY**

**SUNDERLAND**

**NORWICH**

"Kaboul will improve The Black Cats at the back, and Lens will make them lethal in attack!"

**STEVE SAYS** 3-0

**YOU SAY**

**SWANSEA**

**NEWCASTLE**

"New boys Eder and Mitrovic will hope to impress in this clash, and I reckon both will score!"

**STEVE SAYS** 2-1

**YOU SAY**

**TOTTENHAM**

**STOKE**

"Stoke did the double over Spurs last season, and Bojan will make it another bad day!"

**STEVE SAYS** 1-2

**YOU SAY**



**WATFORD**

**WEST BROM**

"This could come down to a battle between Deeney and Berahino. It's too tough to call!"

**STEVE SAYS** 2-2

**YOU SAY**

**WEST HAM**

**LEICESTER**

"I think The Hammers will be a surprise package this season - that's bad news for The Foxes!"

**STEVE SAYS** 2-0

**YOU SAY**

**CRYSTAL PALACE**

**ARSENAL**

"The Gunners have way too much attacking talent for Palace to handle. Massive away win!"

**STEVE SAYS** 1-4

**YOU SAY**

**LIVERPOOL**

**BOURNEMOUTH**

"Reds new boy Benteke will bag on his Anfield debut, but Wilson will stun The Kop!"

**STEVE SAYS** 1-1

**YOU SAY**



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# BIG MATCH! QUIZ

## SKILL KINGS SPECIAL



Can you work out the mystery trick machine from these clues?

➤ I joined Crystal Palace from Bristol City back in 2012!

➤ I bagged an 11-minute hat-trick against Sunderland in the Prem last season!

➤ I was born in France, but I play for DR Congo!

### 5 QUESTIONS ON...

## NEYMAR



1 How old is the Barça superstar - 21, 23 or 25?

2 True or False? The Samba star didn't score a headed goal in La Liga last season!

3 Neymar won an Olympic medal at London 2012 - was it gold, silver or bronze?

4 How many La Liga strikes did the tricky Barcelona forward bag last season - 12, 22, 32 or 42?

5 Can you name the massive Brazilian team Neymar used to play for?



1.



2.

## CLUE-UP!

Which skill kings have we zoomed in on?



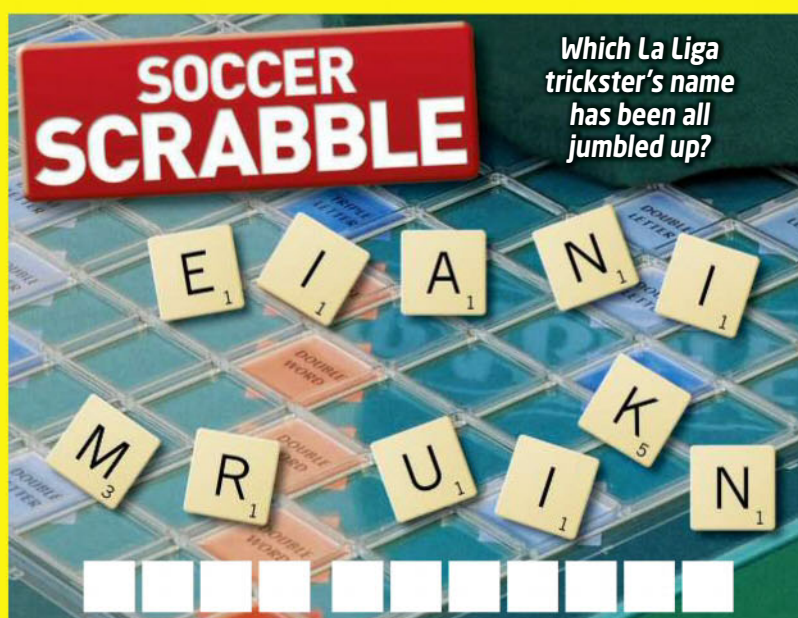
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## SOCCER SCRABBLE

Which La Liga trickster's name has been all jumbled up?

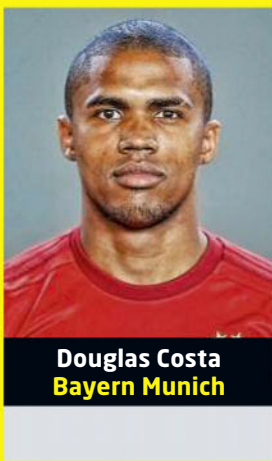
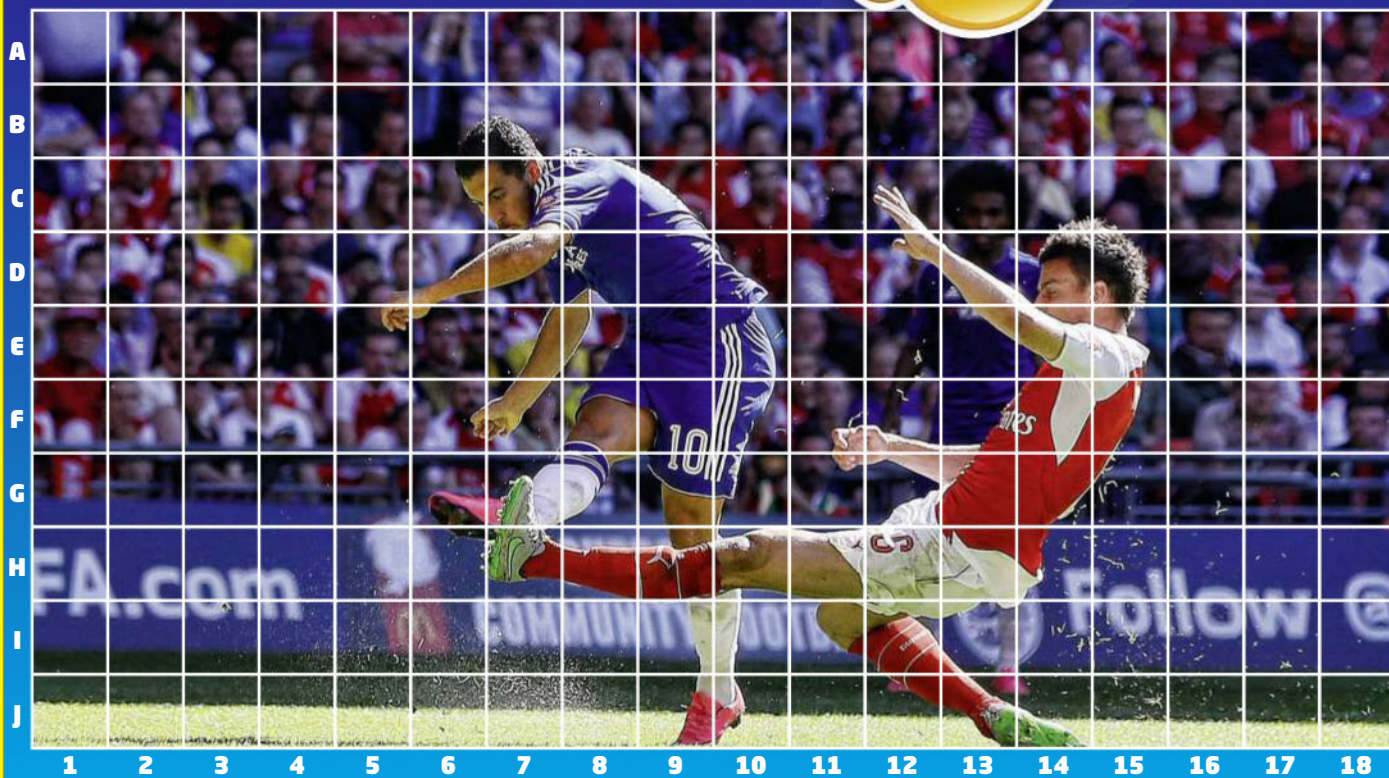




# SPOT THE BALL!



Mark where you think the ball is in this awesome action pic!



## NAME THE COUNTRY!



Which international teams do these trick kings play for?



## SKILL STARS!

Which teams do these epic skillers play for?

1. Nani

5. Antonio Candreva

2. Adel Taarabt

6. Karim Bellarabi

3. Antoine Griezmann

7. Lazar Markovic

4. Dimitri Payet

8. Arjen Robben



Name the skilful star who's starring in the new Mission Impossible film!



# BIG MATCH! QUIZ

## PREM HEROES SPECIAL

### FLASHBACK!



Which Premier League star is in this mega ancient pic?

\_\_\_\_\_

### FIFA 15 CHALLENGE!

Name the awesome Prem players on these two FUT cards!



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### CLUB SHARERS!

Which Prem team have these heroes all played for?

\_\_\_\_\_

Bacary Sagna

Cesc Fabregas

Kolo Toure

Vito Mannone









### TRANSFER TRACKER!

Can you fill in the gaps in Man. United midfielder Juan Mata's epic career?

2006-07

Real Madrid B

2007-11

?

2011-14

?

2014-?

Man. United



### MEGA MASH-UP!

Which wicked Prem goal machine is this?

\_\_\_\_\_





# PREM HEROES BRAIN-BUSTER!



How much do you  
know about the  
Prem's best players?



1. Name the top-scoring defender  
in the Prem last season!



2. How old is Arsenal goal king  
Olivier Giroud – 27, 28 or 29?



3. Which hitman has won more Prem  
titles – Edin Dzeko or Wayne Rooney?



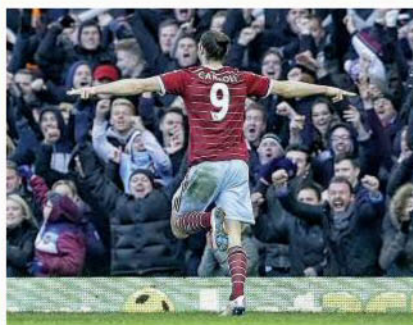
4. Which national team does tackle  
machine Jan Vertonghen play for  
– Germany, Belgium or Holland?



5. True or False? Centre-back Phil  
Jagielka used to play for Liverpool!



6. Which Southampton forward  
scored the fastest ever Prem  
hat-trick against Aston Villa?



7. Which team did West Ham sign  
England striker Andy Carroll from?



8. Everton midfielder Tom Cleverley went  
on loan to which Prem club in 2014-15?



9. How many times was Daryl Janmaat  
sent-off in the Premier League last  
season – once, twice or three times?



10. Which Stoke striker started  
the most Prem games in 2014-15  
– Peter Crouch or Jon Walters?

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....



D U Q G F E  
O Z P M X P  
V E D P V L  
S V D X B I  
Q L W X T M

# WORDSEARCH

Can you find 30 Premier League heroes in this massive grid?

O K L D M L  
O I I E N M  
E W K G I S  
A L S E P O  
E M N A H T

P E V X T B Z B P C V T G T I H W Y R F F E L Q T U V U A C I N  
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Baines  
Berahino  
Bertrand

Cazorla  
Chadli  
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Costa  
De Gea

Eriksen  
Fabianski  
Fabregas  
Fonte  
Hart

Hazard  
Henderson  
Ings  
Ivanovic  
Kane

Lescott  
Mata  
Mignolet  
Pelle  
Sanchez

Sigurdsson  
Silva  
Sterling  
Vardy  
Williams

## ANSWERS!



**FIFA 15 Challenge:**  
David Silva & Cesar Azpilicueta.  
**Club Shatters:** Arsenal.  
**Transfer Tracker:** 2007-11  
- Valencia; 2011-14 - Chelsea.  
**Mega Mash-Up:** Daniel Sturridge.  
**Prem Heroes Brain-Buster:**  
1. John Terry; 2. 28; 3. Wayne Rooney;  
4. Belgium; 5. False; 6. Sadio Mane;  
7. Liverpool; 8. Aston Villa;  
9. Once; 10. Walters.  
**Wordsearch:** See right.

**Spot The Ball:** E3.  
**Name The Country:**  
Zaha - England; Costa - Brazil;  
Chikhaoui - Tunisia; Maxim - Romania.  
**Skill Stars:**  
1. Fenerbahce; 2. Benfica;  
3. Atletico Madrid; 4. West Ham;  
5. Lazio; 6. Bayer Leverkusen;  
7. Liverpool; 8. Bayern Munich.  
**Footy At The Films:** Adam Lallana.  
**Prem Heroes Special**  
**Flashback:** Alexis Sanchez.

**Who Am I?:** Yannick Bolasie.  
**Neymar Quiz:** 1. 23; 2. False;  
3. Silver; 4. 22; 5. Santos.  
**Close-Up:** 1. Cristiano Ronaldo;  
2. Franck Ribery; 3. Memphis Depay;  
4. Ricardo Quaresma.  
**Soccer Scramble:** Iker Muniain.  
**MY SCORE** **172**  
**One point per correct answer!**



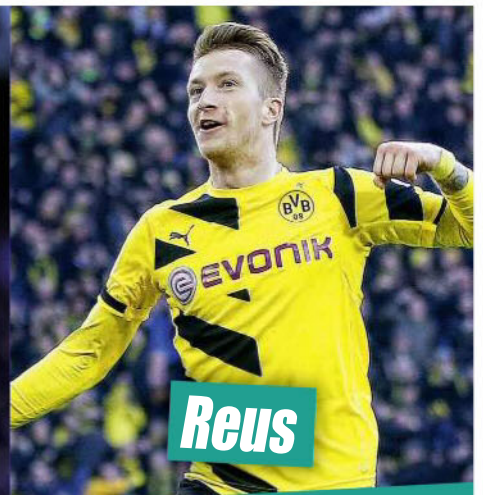
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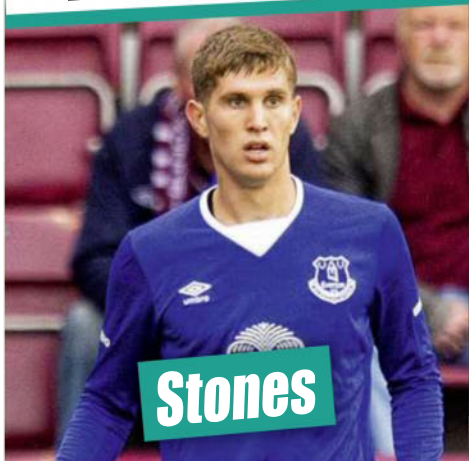


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17

Defending Premier League champs **Chelsea** have loaned out 17 players so far this season!



40

Barcelona paid £40 million to sign Arda Turan & Aleix Vidal this summer, but they're not allowed to play until January because of a transfer ban!



New Aston Villa star Jordan Ayew is the younger bro of Swansea new boy Andre Ayew!

5

Liverpool mega signing **Christian Benteke** scored five goals in six games against The Reds for Villa!



**West Ham** qualified for the Europa League through the Fair Play table, but have had three players sent off during the qualifiers!



62

Man. United's **Sergio Romero** is the most-capped Argentina goalkeeper of all time!



12

Midfielder **Benjamin Stambouli** only played 12 Prem games for Tottenham before leaving to join PSG, but Spurs still made a profit!





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